(e) if so, to what extent, the annual growth rate is necessary for ensuing years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. However, in the Millennium Declaration by United Nations, a target of reducing proportion of World's people living on less than a dollar a day to halve by 2015 has been fixed.

(b) and (c) The Planning Commission, in its Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan has proposed reduction of poverty ratio by 5 percentage points by 2007 and by 15 percentage points by 2012 as one of the Monitorable Targets of the Tenth Plan.

(d) and (e) Since poverty is a state level phenomenon, no direct correlation between GDP growth and poverty reduction can be fixed.

Involvement of Private Sector in Construction/Maintenance of NHs in Kerala

4633. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction and maintenance of National Highways in Kerala have been entrusted with the private sector under BOT basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the sectors coming under Kerala which have been identified to be considered under BOT scheme;

(d) whether Phase III and Phase IV of Kollam Bypass in National Highway-47 will be taken under BOT basis for its completion; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) At present no work for construction and maintenance of National Highways in Kerala has been entrusted to private sector on Build Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis.

(c) to (e) Kerala PWD has been requested to examine the viability of following projects on BOT basis:—

(i) Construction of bridges on Alapuzha Bypass on NH-47.

(ii) Construction of bridges on Phase III and Phase IV of Kollam Bypass on NH-47.

Utilisation of Allocation Under CRF Scheme in Assam

4634 DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation made and actual utilisation of fund under RF Scheme in Assam during last three financial years, year-wise;

(b) the date of actual handover of NH-52 to BRO/BRTF and sector-wise developmental plan envisaged in each subhead like improvement, widening replacement of timber bridge etc.; and

(c) the actual allocation and utilization made for repair, widening improvement and replacement of timber bridges as well as restoration of breaches of NH-52 during the last three financial years, head-wise and sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (Retd.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) CRF is non lapsable fund. Sanction of projects is generally limited to twice the accrual. One third of accrual was released at the initial stage. Thereafter the funds are released based on utilization made by the States. The position in respect of Assam is as under :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Accrual	Value of projects Sanctioned	Released	Utilization
1999-2000	26.52	Nil	26.52	26.52
2000-2001	1508.00	2985.00	503.00	Nil
2001-2002	1473.00	405.46	463.00	463.00